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ASC appoints new SES for field support

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill.
-- Redding Hobby was appointed to a Senior Executive Service position with the Army Sustainment Command in a ceremony here March 1.

Hobby works for ASC as the Executive Director for Field Support. In that position, he oversees the Army's prepositioned equipment mission, operational planning and contingency contracting, and also has responsibilities in areas such as operational planning and contingency contracting..

Gen. William E. Mortensen, deputy commanding general, Army Materiel Command, presided at the ceremony and presented Hobby his pin and flag.



U.S. Army photo

Redding Hobby accepts his Army Sustainment Command appointment to the Army Senior Executive Service at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.

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Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commanding general Army Materiel Command, and Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson, commanding general Army Sustainment Command, viewed Army Field Support Brigade - Iraq operations like the add-on armor program at LSA Anaconda.

LSAANACONDA, Iraq — The Army Materiel and Army Sustainment Command commanding generals visited Logistics Support Area Anaconda, Iraq, Feb. 21 to 23 to assess operations there and present awards to 402nd Army Field Support Brigade personnel.

Gen. Benjamin Griffin and Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson's visit included touring forward repair activities, the Small Arms

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Logistics transformation: More than a slogan

Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson
Commanding General



"Logistics transformation" is more than just a slogan, a trendy management concept, or a "quick-fix" program aimed at solving short-term problems. In fact, logistics transformation is the driving force behind the formation of the Army Sustainment Command. Logistics transformation is changing the way we conduct business.

We are transforming the logistics support system because we need to keep pace with an ever-transforming Army. Our Army is more agile, more responsive, and more able to integrate various capabilities into a singular, effective combat force; this means that the logistics system must be equally agile, responsive and integrated in order to provide the required level of support.

To meet future demands, and to move forward with logistics transformation, the old commodity commands began the process of transforming themselves to Life Cycle Management Commands a few years ago. The LCMCs, as they are called, are now fully established, and their performance so far has exceeded the high expectations that were placed on them at their formation.

The basic intent behind the formation of LCMCs was to integrate all of the processes involved in getting weapons and equipment into

the hands of Soldiers, from research and development to fielding to maintenance to disposal. LCMCs are squarely focused on the end users of their products, rather than the products themselves. This enables LCMCs to deliver logistics support more efficiently, and to respond more rapidly to the immediate needs of Soldiers and other warfighters.

While the Army Sustainment Command is not an LCMC itself, we are responsible for coordinating and synchronizing the activities of the LCMCs at our forward locations. ASC has established a close partnership with all the LCMCs; together we perform our missions - and support is delivered when and where it is needed.

So is the LCMC concept working out as planned? I believe it is - and I'm not asking you to take my word on that. The real test of the LCMCs and the whole logistics transformation effort lies at the intended focal point - the combat units in the field who need our support in order to fight and win.

Based on the comments I've received from combatant commanders, and from the Soldiers who do the fighting, the LCMC concept is indeed working as intended. Our warfighters are pleased with the logistics support they are receiving, and they like the way we've structured its delivery. From their point of view, it's easier, it's faster, and it's better overall.

As we move forward we must build on the success achieved since the formation of the LCMCs. We have the privilege of supporting the world's best Soldiers, so we must always give them the very best we have to offer.

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Joint chiefs chairman applauds reset effort as Stryker unit readies for next rotation

FORT WAINWRIGHT, Alaska, The 25th Infantry Division's 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team here is the first unit to employ the Army's new "reset" process to rapidly refurbish everything from M-16 rifles to state-of-the-art Stryker combat vehicles.

Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, visited Fort Wainwright yesterday to check out the new process. Accompanied by Maj. Gen. Charles H. Jacoby Jr., commander of U.S. Army Alaska, Pace toured a maintenance facility where work is under way.

The 3,000 troops and 200 contractors employed in the effort "are dedicated to getting these machines cleaned up and turned faster than normal -- in this case, probably in four months instead of six," Pace said.

"That doesn't mean they're going to go back into combat in four months," he stressed. "But it means they'll be ready quicker than normal, thanks to the terrific energy on the part of the workers here and being able to buy the spare parts to get things fixed."

Jacoby said the reset mission is

all about transformation. "Alaska is on the leading edge of supporting the war by providing modular forces for combatant commanders," he said.

"This is not business as usual for Fort Wainwright," he said.



U.S. Army photo by Nikki St. Amant

Pvt. Kueth Dolvony, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, provides security behind a house while fellow Soldiers enter the front during a weapons cache search near Rawah, Iraq. The unit is back home at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and going through the reset process.

"What you see here is not business as usual for the United States Army.

"We're proud to be a part of this," Jacoby continued. "I'm privileged to have the chairman up here and to get a chance to show him great soldiers, family members and civilians who are putting their nose to the grind stone and holding up our end of the bargain."

Army Col. Burt Thompson, commander of the 25th Infantry Division's 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, said his people are focused on getting equipment coming out of Kuwait "ready to get back into the fight."

In the past, he said, when units needed to refurbish equipment, it was sent off to maintenance depots and the process took about six months. The new gameplan aims to cut two months off that timeline by doing a majority of the work at home station.

"Can it be done? I think we're proving that it can," he said. "The priority here is to get this brigade reset in 120 days. The (Army) chief of staff made this a priority, and we're not going to let him down."

The brigade commander pointed out that the reset process involves more than just getting unit equipment

ready for deployment. It also involves receiving and training new personnel.

"It's about the ability to marry people with equipment (in order) to execute a realistic, collective training strategy, which will begin for us in about June," he said. "We'll carry on with that until we're told to get ourselves on a fast chart to prepare for deployment."

(Army News Service)

Gates asks Congress to pass GWOT funding

WASHINGTON – Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates called on Congress to quickly act on the fiscal 2007 supplemental request to fund war on terror operations.

Gates, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Marine Gen. Peter Pace, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee today.

President Bush is asking for \$93.4 billion for the Defense Department, and that money is vital, Gates said.

"If these additional funds are delayed, the military will be forced to engage in costly and counterproductive reprogramming actions starting this spring, in April, to make up the shortfall," Gates said. "Timely enactment of this supple-

mental request is critical to ensuring our troops in the field have the resources they need."

Congress already has appropriated \$70 billion for operations this fiscal year.

If approved, the supplement will pay for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, repairing and replacing equipment damaged or destroyed in combat and in new technologies to protect U.S. servicemembers. This last includes a new generation of body armor, better armored vehicles and countermeasures against improvised explosive devices.

The supplement also will provide funds for training and equipping the Iraqi and Afghan security forces. Gates said the request is a large increase for Afghan forces.

"I would note that while our country is properly focused on the serious situation in Iraq, it is critical that the gains made in Afghanistan these past few years not be allowed to slip away," he said.

Gates said Congress may have "sticker shock" over the DoD request. If the supplemental request is approved, the department would spend more than \$700 billion this fiscal year. "Please consider that, at about 4 percent of America's gross domestic product, the amount of money the United States is projected to spend on defense this year is actually a smaller percentage of GDP than when I left government 14 years ago," Gates said.

(American Forces Press Service)

Senior Army leaders: 'surge' troops ready

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27, 2007 – The Army units that will make up part of the 21,500-troop surge to Iraq will meet the same standards of training as every deploying unit and have all the equipment they need to accomplish the mission, senior leaders said.

None of the units will deploy with less than a year between deployments, and each will meet the Army's pre-deployment training regimen, Army Maj. Gen. Richard Formica, director of force management, told reporters at a Pentagon media roundtable.

"The secretary of the Army and chief of staff of the Army remain committed to providing to the combatant commander the best-trained, best-equipped and best-led force in the world," Formica said. "With the plus-up, that com-

mitment will not change. Our deploying units will be manned, trained and equipped, and they will



U.S. Army photo

Spc. Jennie Baez, 47th Forward Support Battalion, provides security for fellow Soldiers in Anbar Province, Iraq.

be ready for their specified missions."

Army Brig. Gen. Charles Anderson, director of force modernization, challenged recent media re-

ports stating that the units that will be part of the surge have severe equipment shortages. That is simply not true, he said, emphasizing that the Army does not compromise its force-protection standards for deploying units.

Anderson said the units deploying as part of the surge will have the same force protection equipment all Army units deploy with, including comprehensive vehicle and body armor and counter-IED equipment.

"The Army's No. 1 priority is the protection of the soldier," Anderson said. "We achieve protection from a holistic perspective and, contrary to recent print, the plus-up of forces will have the equipment they need."

(American Forces Press Service)

Reserve unit readies for combat tour, trains with ASC personnel at Ft. Hood

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Ohio-based Army Reserve Soldiers spent a week in January doing new training with Army Sustainment Command logistics assistance personnel on Standard Army Management Information Systems at Fort Hood, Tex.

The 192nd Quartermaster Company, 3rd Battalion, 290th Combat Support Regiment, 120th Infantry Brigade, Division West, took part in the two-phase training. ASC personnel played a big role in ensuring the predeployment training successfully prepared the unit for its combat missions.

STAMIS is a laptop-based information system used to track equipment, supplies and personnel.

The training and facilities were orchestrated by CECOM STAMIS Master Technician, Louis Cortopassi, a member of the Army Field Support Brigade-CONUS West Logistics Support Element



U.S. Army photo

Ricky Gant, Communications Electronics Life Cycle Management Command logistics assistance representative, trains deploying Soldiers on the proper installation and use of STAMIS hardware and systems

responsible for support to the 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary). Assisting Cortopassi in the effort was Ricky Gant, CECOM LAR, CE-LCMC at Fort Hood and Tommie Horton, contracted senior

communications engineer, PEO-Enterprise Information Systems, specializing in CSS-VSAT (very small aperture terminal) equipment. All three also served as trainers during the course.

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Supply Center, HMMWV Enhancement Facility and Armored Security Vehicle Maintenance Facility.

The two also spent time reviewing support operations for the Tanker Ballistic Protection System and Common Remotely Operated Weapons System at LSA Anaconda.

During the course of the visit, both generals spent time talking with DA personnel and contractors about current issues like CONUS Replacement Center processing procedures, taxes on civilian pay while deployed to combat zones and the new version of the Army Combat Uniform, which Griffin was wearing.

In a dinner held for AMC Soldiers, civilians and contractors, Griffin presented medals, awards and certificates to the following individuals:

BRONZE STAR

Chief Warrant Officer David Conrad

COMMANDER'S AWARD FOR CIVILIAN SERVICE

Michelle Curtis
James Heaton
Greg Holden
Carlos Morales
Jeff Robertson
Steve Rodell

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Darryl Hejde

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